(4) Yes.

(5) The first petitioners were told through the Panchayat that they should contribute a moiety of the expenditure. To petition dated 24th Vrischigam 1109 they were asked to report what works are required to complete the work. Petitions dated 21st Chingam 1110 and 30th Chingam 1110 have not been disposed of.

(6) Yes.

(7) No final orders have been passed.

(8) Yes. An estimate is being got prepared for the work which will be attended to in 1112 if funds allow.

Cheruviruthy—Pynkulam Panchayat Road—completion of.

366. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what amount has been spent over the Cheruviruthy Pynkulam Panchayat road intended to connect the Ernakulam—Shoranur trunk road and the Pazhayannur road through Killimangalam and Pynkulam villages for the last ten years;

(2) what further amount will have to be spent on it to finally complete the same;

(3) during which year this road will be open for public traffic?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(1) About Rs. 4,885—0—0.

(2) Rs. 1,850—0—0.

(3) In 1112 if funds are available and if lands are got after acquisition.

Old and undisposed of files in the Forest Department.

367. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of files in the Forest Department which are

(a) (1) one year old and not disposed of yet;

(2) two years old and not disposed of yet;

(3) three years old and not disposed of yet;

(4) more than three years old and not disposed of yet;

(b) the nature of the complaint and the names of parties involved in each?

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Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(a) (1) 378.
(2) 184.
(3) 121.
(4) 59.

(b) These files relate to matters besides complaints and it will be difficult to give the names of parties involved in each of the pending files which if taken will be a very long list.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the reason for the delay? 59 files were not disposed off even after three years.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.— Some of them may relate to old contracts which are even now pending. Without referring to the particular files I cannot say why they were not disposed of.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there files in which there were complaints which were not disposed of even after three years?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice.

Sirkar Elephants—expenditure and income on their account.

368. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the names of all Sirkar elephants in the State;

(b) the amount of expenditure on account of each of them in 1110 and the income derived from each?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.— (a) A statement showing the names of elephants is appended (*AppendixII.*)

(b) A statement showing the expenditure and income derived is appended. (*Appendix III.*)

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Sir, I want to make a word of explanation. In the appendix given you will find 9 elephants. But as a matter of fact since the submission of the figures for this answer, two elephants have been transferred to the Devaswom Department. Now we have got only 7 elephants.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the reason for this enormous expenditure with regard to these elephants?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—The income from these elephants is derived only by giving them on pattam for Ulthsa-

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